

## Message Text

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R 151301Z MAR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7669

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E. O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EINV EAIR ET  
SUBJ: SINGER-LINK: EAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

REF: ADDIS ABABA 0294

1. EAL REP HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY INTERVENTION IN CONNECTION WITH MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS ON NIGHT VISUAL SYSTEM (NVS) INSTALLED BY SINGER-LINK IN OCTOBER 1977. UNDER TERMS OF FOLLOW-ON MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, SINGER-LINK IS TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE, WHICH THEY ARE NOW DECLINING TO DO, APPARENTLY FOR FEAR OF POLITICAL AND/OR SECURITY SITUATION IN ADDIS ABABA; OR POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF NATIONALIZATION OF SINGER RETAIL OUTLET HERE.

2. EMBASSY SUPPORTS EAL REQUEST FOR MAINTENANCE REP TO VISIT ADDIS ABABA AND SEES NO JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGER-LINK REFUSAL. ADDIS ABABA IS OUTWARDLY CALM, AND VIOLENCE LEVEL IS CONSIDERABLY BELOW WHAT IT WAS AT THE TIME SINGER-LINK TEAM INSTALLED ITS LINK TRAINER AND NVS. SINGER-LINK DIVISION CAN BE CONSIDERED AT ARMS LENGTH FROM NATIONALIZED SINGER RETAIL OPERATIONS AND NO DIFFICULTIES ARE FORESEEN IN THIS REGARD. EAL HAS REPUTATION OF TAKING VERY  
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GOOD CARE OF THE US REPRESENTATIVES IT DEALS WITH, AND EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASSURED THAT THIS REMAINS THE CASE. (REPRESENTATIVES OF BOEING AND PRATT-WHITNEY CURRENTLY IN ADDIS ON BUSINESS WITH EAL CAN VOUCH FOR SAME.)

3. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO CONVEY ABOVE TO R. A.

NEDDO, V-P SINGER-LINK, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK,  
OR DEAN BATES OF HIS STAFF (TEL. 607/772-3697),  
AND URGE THAT COMPANY RECONSIDER EAL REQUEST FOR  
MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE. IF SO, EMBASSY INTENDS  
TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THEIR REPRESENTATIVE  
WHILE LATTER IN ADDIS ABABA.  
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